

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following commentary.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-42, 45, 50, 54, 57, 60, 62, 65, 67 and 70 are cancelled. Claim 55 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Because this amendment is made to cancel claims and to comply with a formality requirement, Applicants respectfully request entry after final rejection. Upon entry, claims 43-44, 46-49, 51-53, 55-56, 58-59, 61, 63-64, 66, and 68-69 will be pending.

II. Claim Objection

The Examiner objected to claim 55 for the typographical error that the above-mentioned correction addressed. Per the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have revised claim 55 to recite "auxotrophic." Accordingly, the claim objection should be withdrawn.

III. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 50, 60, 65 and 70 for alleged indefiniteness. Without acquiescing to the stated grounds, Applicants has chosen to advance prosecution by cancelling the subject claims, mooting the rejection. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing application to pursue the subject matter of any cancelled claims.

IV. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b)

The Examiner rejected claims 45, 57, 62 and 67 for alleged anticipation by Dickely *et al.* Again, Applicants have opted to cancel these claims, in order to advance prosecution, without acquiescing to the stated rationale for the rejection. Applicants likewise reserve the right to file a continuing application to pursue cancelled subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested, therefore. Also, Examiner Burkhart is invited to contact the undersigned directly, should any issue warrant further consideration.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment accompany the response, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to the same deposit account. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of submitted papers, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 CFR §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees from the deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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